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Dear Sir/Madam:

The National Institutes of Health Black Scientists Association (NIHBSA) requests your assistance in identifying candidates for the 2005 Cheryl Torrence-Campbell Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the NIHBSA in an effort to support African-American students interested in careers in biomedical research. It is named in honor of one of our founding members, Dr. Cheryl Torrence-Campbell, who was a dedicated teacher, mentor and role model for African-American and other minority students. She influenced many to pursue careers in biomedical research.

Scholarships of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each will be awarded to two deserving students who meet the following criteria:

- Belong to an ethnic or racial group underrepresented in the field of biomedical research
- Graduating senior attending a high school in the District of Columbia (public or private)
- Accepted into an accredited college or university
- College major expected to be in one of the physical/life sciences

Preference will be given to students who are financially disadvantaged.

Please distribute copies of this letter and the application form (which can both be accessed from our website) to students meeting the criteria listed above. If you have questions regarding the scholarship or would like more information regarding our organization, please visit our website at <http://bsa.od.nih.gov>.

Candidates should complete the attached application form and provide proof of family income. Information submitted for review will remain confidential and will only be shared with the members of the Scholarship Review Committee. Financial documents and transcripts will be destroyed following the awarding of the scholarship. **Complete** application packages must be **postmarked by May 16, 2005**. Semifinalists will be interviewed, with the two Cheryl Torrence-Campbell Scholarship finalists awarded in July of 2005 during a ceremony at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

We thank you for your assistance with this very important project.

Sincerely,

Janine Smith, MD  
President, NIH Black Scientists Association

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